
Title: Musings of Justice

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The virtue of Justice is one, which remains muddled amongst courtly pomp and prose, a saint garbed in dirtied linens. To truly see what lies beyond the murky weave is to see Justice as it was meant to be, a justice unclouded by personal bias or affiliation. To birth Justice in such artistry will not alone sway understanding, to do so we must address the question of how to distinguish between Justice born of falsity, and Justice born of truth. This question is one that weighs heavy on irresolute Britannia's, virtuous souls who seek the true definition of Lord British's ideals. Such questions need not be answered by law books or texts, nor by courtly regulations and agonizing procedures, but by the intrinsic belief in the goodness instilled within our own consciousness.

True Justice springs forth from a marriage of truth, and of love, the principles we treasure every day. These principles placed together define the nature of Justice; they define how we must judge, and how we must expect to be judged. One who practices true justice will seek the truth of a wrong, and

with this truth, they will
find the understanding
needed to properly
conceive, and to mend.
One who strays from
Justice's true call will
find the truth they wish
to find, a truth twisted
or created by spite, fear,
or pity, a truth that is
not a truth, but a
second wrong, doomed to
compound the first.

To wield the knowledge of
truth alone does not
constitute justice, only
understanding of wrong.
To administer true
Justice, we must temper
truths cold steel with
the warmth of love, a
union of immaculate
principles intertwined to
birth a fair and honest
judgment. A true
practitioner of Justice
will seek only to right
the wrong that has been
committed, never to lay
punishment upon one who
has wronged, a judgment
rendered by love of the
truth and of those
involved. When those who
do Justice wrong render
their immoral order, we
see a judgment created
out of hate and of
anger, a judgment that
does not atone for a
wrong, only immortalizes
it.

Priestly orders and
studious monks would end
such a dissertation here;
however it is my personal
belief that truth and love
do not solely create the
virtue of Justice, there
remains yet a final
principle, which drives
true Justice, and that is
Courage. Courage to seek
the truth, courage to
love, and courage to
decide, all of these are

what drive a virtuous
soul. Those of derelict
virtue fear truth, and
they will not pursue,
those of derelict virtue
fear love, and they will
condemn.

Finally, as a crowning
passage to these insights
on Justice, I offer the
following words from the
Britannian philosopher
Eldric Feist.

"To condemn, to hate,
these are the easiest
choices we can make. But
to be humbled by ones
own judgment born of
virtuous desire, this is
the greatest challenge,
this is true strength."